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Amdt. Dated Jan. 7, 2004  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the communication mailed on July 9, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the present application is in condition for allowance except for two formal matters.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to as exceeding 150 words. A replacement abstract of appropriate length has been provided herewith.

The specification was objected to as not providing the required arrangement. The specification has been amended to provide appropriate section headings.

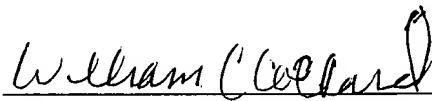
Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments address the formal matters cited by the Examiner and place the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants

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respectfully request that the foregoing amendment be entered at  
an early date and that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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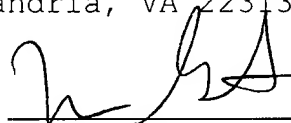


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